

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013020977

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PHC/HRG WITH MEDIATION DATE
TO BE REQUESTED BY PARTIES
CONSISTENT WITH THE OAH
SCHEDULING GUIDE

On April 2, 2013, the parties filed a stipulated request to continue all dates in this matter. The mediation date requested was not consistent with long-established OAH scheduling practices.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: OAH does not conduct routine mediations on Mondays, as requested. If interested in mediation, the parties shall request a date and time consistent with OAH scheduling practices. The OAH scheduling guide is available at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/oah/SpecialEducation/Resources/SECalendar.aspx>. Counsel for both parties should familiarize themselves with the OAH scheduling guide.

Prehearing Conference: May 6, 2013 at 1:30 PM

NOTE TIME CHANGE: per OAH scheduling guide referenced above.

Due Process Hearing: May 20-22, 2013 at 1:30 PM first day, 9:30 other days, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 02, 2013

/s/

RICHARD T. BREEN
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings